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The Brief filed by applicant does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each independent claim. Although applicant stated in the Brief (e.g. see Page 6 of the Brief) that explanation of these items is provided by the instant Specification at least at page 15, line 25, et seq., inter alia. The requirement to include concise explanation in the brief has not been met. On Page 5 of the Brief, applicant stated embodiments of claimed invention. However, no claim number can be found, and no concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each claims referring to the specification by page and line number can be found. On pages 5-6 of the Brief, applicant included a copy of claim 1. However, no concise explanation can be found in the Brief. Similarly, applicant in Page 7 of the Brief included a copy of claim 11, and stated that Item 10 of Figures 1A and 1B of the instant specification illustrates embodiments of the present invention in accordance with this Claim and explanation of these items is provided by the instant Specification at least at page 15, line 25, et seq., inter alia, and that In addition, Figure 3 shows the interconnects between analog blocks 20 in an array in accordance with one embodiment of the present invention. Further, Figures 4A, 4B, 5, 6, 7, 8A and 8B, 9A, 9B, 10, 11, 12A, 12B, 13, 14A and 14B show a plurality of embodiments of an analog block. Still further, Figures 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24 show a plurality of embodiments of a digital block (see applicant's Brief Pages 7,8). However, no

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concise explanation can be found. Similar situation can also be found for other independent claims in Pages 8-17 of the Brief. Applicant is reminded that the subject matter of each independent claim needs to be concisely explained for a number of reasons. For example, if the Board decides that a rejection is to be reversed for a given independent claim, the remaining independent claims must be reviewed to determine if the reasons for reversing the rejection of the first independent claim apply to the remaining independent claims. Furthermore, if appellant chooses to argue a group of claims which includes more than one independent claim, the Board will need to review, at the least, each independent claim to determine which claim will be selected as representative of the group. Apart from reviewing the examiner's adverse decision on patentability, the Board may also make new grounds of rejection pursuant to former § 1.196(b) (2003) or make an explicit statement that a claim would be allowable if amended under former § 1.196(c) (2003). The concise explanation of the subject matter of each independent claim will aid the Board in making these determinations (see Federal Register/Vol. 69, No. 155/Thur, Aug. 12, 2004/Rules and Regulations, 37 C.F. R. 41.37(c)(1)(v)). A compliant brief has to be filed by appellant in order to initiate the appeal conference and avoid likely remand by Board of Appeals and Interferences.

Note that the applicant has been contacted regarding this defective appeal. The examiner remains open to any discussion to move the case forward and possibly amend it to overcome the prior art.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to IDRIS N. ALROBAYE whose telephone number is (571)270-1023. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 8:00 to 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eddie Chan can be reached on 571-272-4162. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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